

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Hoan H. Tran |
| Toshifumi MORITANI |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2852 |
| Application No.: 10/670,243 |) | |
| | : | Confirmation No.: 8592 |
| Filed: September 26, 2003 |) | |
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| For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS |) | |
| HAVING DEVELOPING DEVICE | : | |
| CHANGING ROTARY |) | November 21, 2006 |

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Commissioner for Patents
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated October 18, 2006, in the above-identified application. The due date for payment of the Issue Fee is set for January 18, 2007.

Applicant respectfully submits the reasons for allowance set forth in the October 18, 2006, Notice of Allowability presented by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in both of the independent claims. More specifically, the Examiner's reasons appear to be formulated on the basis of Claim 1, as set forth in the August 18, 2006, Amendment. However, the Examiner's reasons for allowance do not address the language

of Claim 6. It is respectfully submitted that each of Claims 1 and 6 are allowable over the prior art for the actual language recited in each of these claims.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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